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**COMMUNICATION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants have requested a three month suspension with the RCE and have also paid the required fee. Accordingly, no further examination on the merits should be made until after the three month suspension period expires so that applicants have the opportunity to file any additional papers for consideration by the examiner within this three month period.

Respectfully submitted,

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